

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant to Girls Inc. of Holyoke for nearly \$350,000.

“Because many young people in Holyoke are not connected to traditional sources of community support, this funding will help them build resilience and leadership skills,” said Congressman Olver.

Girls Inc. will use the funding to develop a youth leadership institute in which peer leaders will train and mentor other girls in the community.

Girls Inc. of Holyoke is a non-profit organization that provides programs to help girls overcome the challenges of poverty and violence.

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